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SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, May 5, 2008
Public Works Facility

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Laurie Burstein, Peter Charter, Ann Harford, A. Leo Miller,
James Prichard and John Turner

SELECTMAN ABSENT: Michael Stupinski

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Michaud, Public Works Director; Mike Swanson,
Resident and owner of All Town Sanitation & Recycling LLC

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Peter Charter called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL SESSION: PROPOSAL FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Mr. Michaud distributed an outline on the cost savings for the automated trash collection system (attached). He noted that by year-end CRRA plans to launch a single-stream recycling program requiring residents to put all recyclables in a separate barrel which will be collected using the automated system. Residents will no longer use the curbside recycling bins.

Mr. Miller questioned why only three companies bid on this contract. He noted that there is a trash removal company in South Windsor, Waste Resources, which may not have known about the Request for Proposal. Mr. Michaud stated that the Request for Proposal was placed as a Legal Notice in the newspaper and he does not solicit companies for bids. Mr. Miller suggested that the Town enter into a one-year contract for manual collection and then, in the meantime, poll the residents for their input by vote at a referendum or by survey in The Ellington Connection.

Ms. Burstein stated that she has received many negative comments from constituents.

Ms. Harford met with the David Smith, Public Works Director in Tolland, to discuss their automated trash collection program. He reported that initially seniors were upset, approximately 10% of residents traded-in their 96-gallon container for the smaller one and they had to make allowances for residents with steep or long driveways to leave their container near the curb. Mr. Michaud referenced an article written by Mr. Smith which calls the solid waste program in Tolland a success. Mr. Michaud noted that every new program will have some glitches that will need to be worked out.

Ms. Harford would like to stay with the current trash collection system as long as possible. She was also opposed to a 10-year contract.

Mr. Charter stated that he was in favor of the automated trash collection system, especially if the recycling program will be collected in that manner by year-end.

Mike Swanson questioned why the Town selected All American Waste and the other two bidders were not considered. Mr. Miller explained that All American Waste currently provides the trash collection service for Ellington and came highly recommended by Mr. Michaud.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (CHARTER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 8:13 P.M.

Submitted by Marie Sauve Approved: Peter Charter
Marie Sauve

ELLINGTON TRASH

Cost Savings to go Automated:

Savings:

- A. By the Town providing fuel for service, we will save approximately \$25,704 per year. The vendor has to pay approximately \$1.02/gallon more than we can purchase it for; that consists of \$.40/gallon more than our cost plus \$.615/gallon for taxes.
- B. By going to automated service it is a dollar less, which equals \$56,400/yr.
- C. Single stream for recycling. According to the Journal Inquirer, CRRA will start up single stream recycling by December 2008, with another savings to the towns. We recycle approximately 1,200 tons/year. By going to single stream, we will increase our tonnage another 70% which means approximately 840 tons will come out from our disposal fees at the CRRA burn plant. 840 Tons x \$72/ton = \$60,480 savings. Plus we will get \$10/ton paid to the town from CRRA. 2,040 tons x \$10/ton another income of \$20,400 will come back to the Town.

Summary of Cost Savings Estimate:

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>10 Year</u>
1. Fuel Differential & Taxes	\$25,704	\$257,040
2. Automated Pick Up	56,400	564,000
3. Disposal Cost CRRA	<u>60,400</u>	<u>604,000</u>
Estimated Total Savings	\$142,504	\$1,425,040

Rebates for Recycling:

1. Present Rebate	1,200 Tons	\$ 12,000
2. Added Single Stream	<u>840 Tons</u>	<u>8,400</u>
Total Estimated	2,040 Tons	\$ 20,400/year
Total Estimated Ten Year Savings		\$204,000

As far as the totes go, when we go to single stream recycling, every house will get a unit anyway. We could be starting this program as soon as December, 2008.

Peter Michaud, DPW Director
May 2, 2008